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Reforms in Agriculture
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed any reforms in the agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has recently held any consultation with NITI Aayog and stakeholders on agricultural reforms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the key issues discussed therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Based on Model APMC Act, 2003 circulated to the States/ Union Territories for its adoption and also in consultation with NITI Aayog, following 11 areas of reforms have been identified for pursuance with the States/UTs −

(i) Setting up of markets in private sector;

(ii) Direct marketing (direct purchase of produce from farmers by processors /exporters/ bulk buyers, etc outside the market yard);

(iii) Setting up of Farmer - Consumer markets (direct sale by farmers to consumers) in private sector;

(iv) Contract Farming;

(v) E-trading

(vi) Single point levy of market fee across the State

(vii) Single trading license valid across the State

(viii) De-linking of provisions of compulsory requirement of shop/spaces for registration of traders/market functionaries;

(ix) Taking out Fruits and Vegetables out of APMC Act ;

(x) Adoption of model land lease law; and

(xi) Exemption of all kind of tree species grown on private land from felling and transit regulation and opening of saw mills, veneer or plywood industry.

(b) & (c): A consultative meeting on liberalization of the agriculture sector was held on 21.10.2016 under the chairmanship of Member, NITI Aayog. Principal Secretaries of States/UTs, in- charge of agricultural marketing, forest and revenue and Ministries/Departments of Government of India participated. The States were inter alia advised to complete the process of farmer friendly reforms in a time bound manner so as to facilitate this in doubling the farmers' income by 2022.
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